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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 TREVER DECLUE and KATHERINE  
12 DECLUE, individually and on behalf of  
13 those similarly situated,  
14 Plaintiffs,  
15 v.  
16 UNITED CONSUMER FINANCIAL  
17 SERVICES COMPANY,  
18 Defendant.

Case No.: 16cv2833 JM (JMA)

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S  
MOTION TO TRANSFER VENUE**

19 Defendant United Consumer Financial Services Company (“Defendant”) moves the  
20 court to transfer this action to the Northern District of Ohio pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a).  
21 (Doc. No. 42.) Plaintiffs Trever and Katherine DeClue (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) do not  
22 oppose Defendant’s motion. (Doc. Nos. 52, 53.)

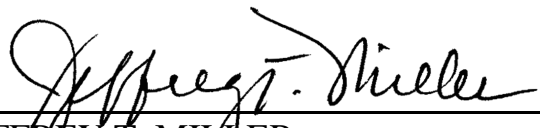
23 Under 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a), the court may transfer an action to any other district or  
24 division where it might have been brought “[f]or the convenience of the parties and  
25 witnesses and in the interest of justice.” Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. v. McDonnell  
26 Douglas Corp, 820 F.Supp. 503, 506 (C.D. Cal. 1992). Here, the court concludes that, on  
27 balance, a venue transfer is warranted under the circumstances to promote the fair and  
28 efficient resolution of Plaintiffs’ claims. The action could have originally been brought in

1 the Northern District of Ohio because it is the judicial district in which Defendant resides.  
2 See 28 U.S.C. 1391(b)(1). Although Plaintiffs resided in this district when they filed their  
3 complaint, they have since moved to St. Louis, Missouri. (Doc. No. 42, Exh. 3.) As a  
4 result, no party or witness is located in this district, and the majority of witnesses are located  
5 in the Northern District of Ohio, making it the more convenient forum. Finally, Plaintiffs  
6 do not oppose transferring this action to the Northern District of Ohio.

7 Accordingly, the court grants Defendant's motion. The Clerk of Court is directed to  
8 transfer this action to the United States District Court of the Northern District of Ohio. The  
9 motion hearing currently set for Monday, March 5, 2018, is vacated.

10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

11 DATED: February 21, 2018

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14 JEFFREY T. MILLER  
15 United States District Judge  
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